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# Development of a global map for sustainable development

## Report of the Secretary-General

The present paper summarizes the report for consideration in developing a global map for sustainable development that will serve as a geospatial portal for pooling available information to meet the urgent national, regional and global needs for geospatial information.[1] The report provides the context for the proposal and highlights that geospatial information services and platforms have become key contributors to improved policy formulation and enhanced capability in monitoring and reporting on sustainable development and other global concerns. The report highlights the Committee's commitment to effectively managing geospatial information globally and contains a proposal to establish a global geospatial information platform that is operationally ready and provides authoritative and consistent geospatial data. The platform would be built and managed by Member States and operated under the supervision of the Committee. The platform would bring together current projects and prototypes and serve the needs of the global community in the areas of disaster risk reduction, humanitarian aid and the monitoring of sustainable development. The report emphasizes that such a platform would also enable national geospatial institutional arrangements, policies, frameworks and standards to be tested and to progress in conjunction with the efforts of Member States and international organizations and with the Committee's programme of work. The Committee is invited to express its views on the different options for developing a global map for sustainable development.

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[1] The full report is available in the language of submission only from http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html.

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